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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed along with a continuation patent application relating to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/656,040 filed September 4, 2003 which is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,961. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

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AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.